



# Linda Roberts Brownlee

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**L**inda Alice Roberts Brownlee – June 8, 1939 – May 26, 2016 Linda Alice Roberts Brownlee was born in Atlanta, Texas on June 8, 1939 to Lieutenant Colonel Standlee D. Roberts and Margaret Garrott Roberts. She grew up in Denton, Texas and graduated from Denton High School in 1957, where she was a member of the band “8 Beats”, an all-female singing group that performed on the Pat Boone TV Show in 1956. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. At Texas Tech, she met the love of her life Woodrow O. (Woody) Brownlee. Linda pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma, was a Kappa Kappa Gamma song leader, and was named top twenty beauty and Kappa Sigma Miss Pledge. Linda and Woody married on December 30, 1960 in Denton, Texas. After teaching in Lubbock, the couple moved to Garland, Texas where Linda became a second grade teacher until they started a family. With three children at home, Linda managed a showroom at the Dallas Apparel Market for 17 years, five of which were spent at the Dallas Trade Market Center. Linda was an organizing investor in Hayslip Design Associates. She began a career in the mortgage business as a loan officer, became a manager for various mortgage companies including Bank United and Colonial National Mortgage, and eventually moved to Ebby Halliday Realtors to work alongside Woody. Linda was an active member of the community and served in several leadership roles throughout the years. She was President of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Night Group, founder of the Garland Panhellenic Association, Girl Scout Brownie Troop leader of Troop 468, and participant of the Garland Bankers’ Wives Club, American Association of University Women, First United Methodist Board of Stewards, and League of Women Voters. She had a love of the fine arts and was founding organizing president of the Performing Arts Center Guild, Chairman of the Garland Arts Commission, Member of Garland Summer Musicals Guild, and was a soprano in the First United Methodist Church Choir. In 2010, the Linda



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Brownlee Auditorium was named in her honor as recognition of her contribution to the Performing Arts Center. Linda loved cooking, traveling, gardening, performing, and spending time with her family. She traveled to all of the continents except Antarctica. She performed in every GSM Guild Roast, including her own. She was the great grandchild of General Isham Warren Garrott, one of the 6 Confederate generals killed at Vicksburg. Garrott Fort never fell. She was great grandchild of John Stephen Roberts, organizing County Judge of both Hardeman and Ford Counties. Linda is survived by her husband Woody, her son Woodrow R. (Bo) Brownlee and his wife Sherry, daughter Shelley E. Brownlee, daughter Malinda and her husband Keith Howell; her grandson Brandon David Brownlee, her granddaughter Evin Anne Brownlee and Evin's fiancé Alex Dunn. Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 2 PM at First United Methodist Church, Garland, Texas. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243.



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SB

**Shelley Brownlee** posted:

Janis – Dad wanted me to let you know that he read your message and wanted to thank you for your kind words and comments. Shelley Linda and Woody's middle daughter

April 25 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Janis Holmes** posted:

Time has flown, but it has not erased the sadness of your great loss. I pray that you, Linda's family have moved ahead as she wanted for you. Janis Holmes, May 1, 2017

April 25 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Roberts Brownlee.

April 25 at 7:00 PM

LD

**Lynda Dyer** posted:

Linda was such an inspiration to so many. She was a power house, who knew how to get things done and was admired by many. Though it hurts to lose such a wonderful friend, we are happy that she is now with our Lord, Jesus Christ and is healed.

April 25 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Janie Pena** posted:

It was chance I read this obituary but I am glad I did. Mrs. Brownlee was my second grade teacher at George R. Bean in Lubbock, TX. I believe she married during the school year because we began school calling her Miss Roberts. She was my favorite teacher and it was through her I learned to have confidence in my abilities. This lesson has served me well throughout the years and I am forever grateful. She was a fantastic teacher, an encourager and the most beautiful teacher in the school inside and out. I never saw her again but her belief in me was such an inspiration that I became a teacher. I only regret not being able to share this with her personally, however, I extend my condolences to all of her family. She touched many lives and will not be forgotten. Janie Pena

April 25 at 7:00 PM



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**The Dunn Family** posted:

The Dunn Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Linda Roberts Brownlee.

April 25 at 7:00 PM



**Shelley Brownlee** posted:

Janie – Thank you so much for your kind words. Her daughter – Shelley

April 25 at 7:00 PM



**Janis Holmes** posted:

Linda and I braved Tech together as freshmen roommates . She influenced me positively to become a Kappa. Our lives went in different directions, but I shall always remember her fondly. I always thought there would be time to "catch up". Once more she charged boldly ahead of me. A wonderful woman!

April 25 at 7:00 PM



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